

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Tim Gallagher, Director

August 3, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
FOR LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS IN NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY
(C.P. NOs. 69267, 69268 & 69269)
(Fifth District, 4-Vote Matter)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT
YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and
2. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment to establish capital projects and provide appropriation to fund the acquisition of tax-defaulted properties as follows:
 - Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary, Land Acquisition (C.P. No. 69268) in the amount of \$10,000 funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District;
 - Pearblossom Natural Area, Land Acquisition (C.P. No. 69269) in the amount of \$67,000 funded by Regional Park and Open Space District;
 - North County OHV Site Acquisition and Feasibility Study (C.P. No. 69267) in the amount of \$1,398,000 funded by the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Green Sticker Fund.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/JUSTIFICATION

The recommended actions will appropriate funding for the acquisition of real property through Chapter 8 Agreements with the Treasurer and Tax Collector, as recommended in a related item on today's agenda. The proposed acquisitions will protect three sites in the Antelope Valley from future development and have been selected for their potential natural and recreational values. The proposed acquisitions include:

- 2.05 acres contiguous to the Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary, a 320-acre natural area located in Hi Vista along Avenue I between 190th and 200th Streets, East (see Attachment B);
- 116.86 acres of natural lands north of the Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area in Pearblossom (see Attachment C); and
- 650.28 acres north of Acton and south of Palmdale that will be acquired as open space and for possible use as an OHV area in the future, pending completion of environmental and feasibility studies (see Attachment D).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions meet the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Community Service through the purchase of land currently in default on property taxes for the purposes of expanding open space and recreational opportunities to the residents of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Upon approval of the attached appropriation adjustment, sufficient funds will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2004-05 Capital Projects/Refurbishment Budget to complete the acquisition of the sites through the Section 8 Agreement process.

The recommended appropriations and revenue for the three acquisitions are as follows:

- Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary, Land Acquisition (C.P. No. 69268): \$10,000 to be funded by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 Per Parcel and Specified Funds that are remaining from completed projects in the Fifth Supervisorial District;
- Pearblossom Natural Area, Land Acquisition (C.P. No. 69269): \$67,000 funded by Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds available for grants to the County in the Fifth Supervisorial District; and
- North County OHV Site, Land Acquisition and Development (C.P. No. 69267) \$1,398,000, including \$1,198,000 for land acquisition and \$200,000 to prepare feasibility studies and environmental documentation, funded by the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Green Sticker Fund (Fund CN7).

Operating Budget Impact

Potential one-time and ongoing operating impacts are unknown at this time, but are anticipated to be minimal from the acquisition of the property. The Department will work with the Chief Administrative Office to identify any operational requirements and available funding prior to completion of the acquisition process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As a separate item on today's agenda, the Treasurer and Tax Collector is recommending approval of the Section 8 agreements that will result in the acquisition of the properties.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisitions and feasibility study projects are exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15306 and 15316 and Classes 6 and 16 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

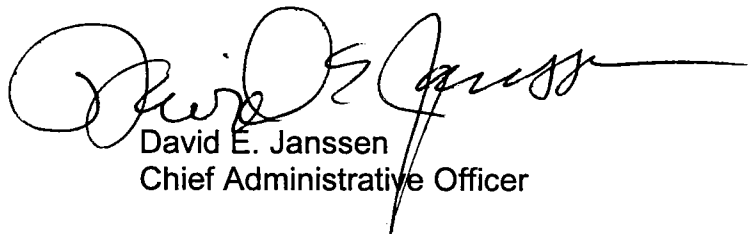
The recommended actions will have no impact on any other services or projects currently underway or planned.

CONCLUSION

Please return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Auditor-Controller, and return three conformed copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Sincerely,


for Tim Gallagher
Director


David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (4)

c: Executive Office
Chief Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
Treasurer and Tax Collector

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTDEPT'S. 600 - 01
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DEPARTMENT OF Parks & Recreation

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

4 - Vote Matter

See Attached

Justification: Adjustment is necessary to increase appropriation and revenue in the Department's Fiscal Year 04-05 Capital Project Budget for acquisition at Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary, Pearblossom Natural Area and North County OHV site.



Ahmed Bahbah, Accounting Officer III

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

JULY 20, 2004



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

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APPROVED (AS REVISED)
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2004-05**

4-VOTE MATTER

FINANCIAL SOURCES:

Department of Parks and Recreation
Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary (5)
Land Acquisition
Rev: Reg Park and Open Space DT/CP
A01 – PK – 69268– R400
\$10,000 Increases Revenue

Department of Parks and Recreation
Various 5th District Park (5)
Various 5th District Improvements
Building and Improvements – F/A
A01– PK – 77112– 6014
\$67,000 Decrease Appropriation

Department of Parks and Recreation
Pearblossom Natural Area (5)
Land Acquisition
Rev: Reg Park and Open Space DT/CP
A01 – PK – 69269– R400
\$67,000 Increases Revenue

Department of Parks and Recreation
Off Highway License Fee Fund
Designations - Prog Exp
CN7 – PK – 41093 – 3017
\$1,398,000 Decreases Designation

Department of Parks and Recreation
North County OHV Site (5)
Land Acquisition
Rev: Other Miscellaneous/CP
A01 – PK – 69267 – 9923
\$1,398,000 Increases Revenue

FINANCIAL USES:

Department of Parks and Recreation
Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary (5)
Land – Fixed Assets
A01 – PK – 69268 - 6006
\$10,000 Increases Appropriation

Department of Parks and Recreation
Various 5th District Park (5)
Various 5th District Improvements
Rev: Reg Park and Open Space DT/CP
A01 – PK – 77112– R400
\$67,000 Decreases Revenue







Department of Parks and Recreation
Pearblossom Natural Area (5)
Land – Fixed Assets
A01 – PK – 69269 - 6006
\$67,000 Increases Appropriation

Department of Parks and Recreation
Off Highway License Fee Fund
Other Charges
CN7 – PK – 41093 - 5500
\$1,398,000 Increases Appropriation

Department of Parks and Recreation
North Count OHV Site (5)
Land – Fixed Assets
A01 – PK – 69267 - 6006
\$1,398,000 Increases Appropriation

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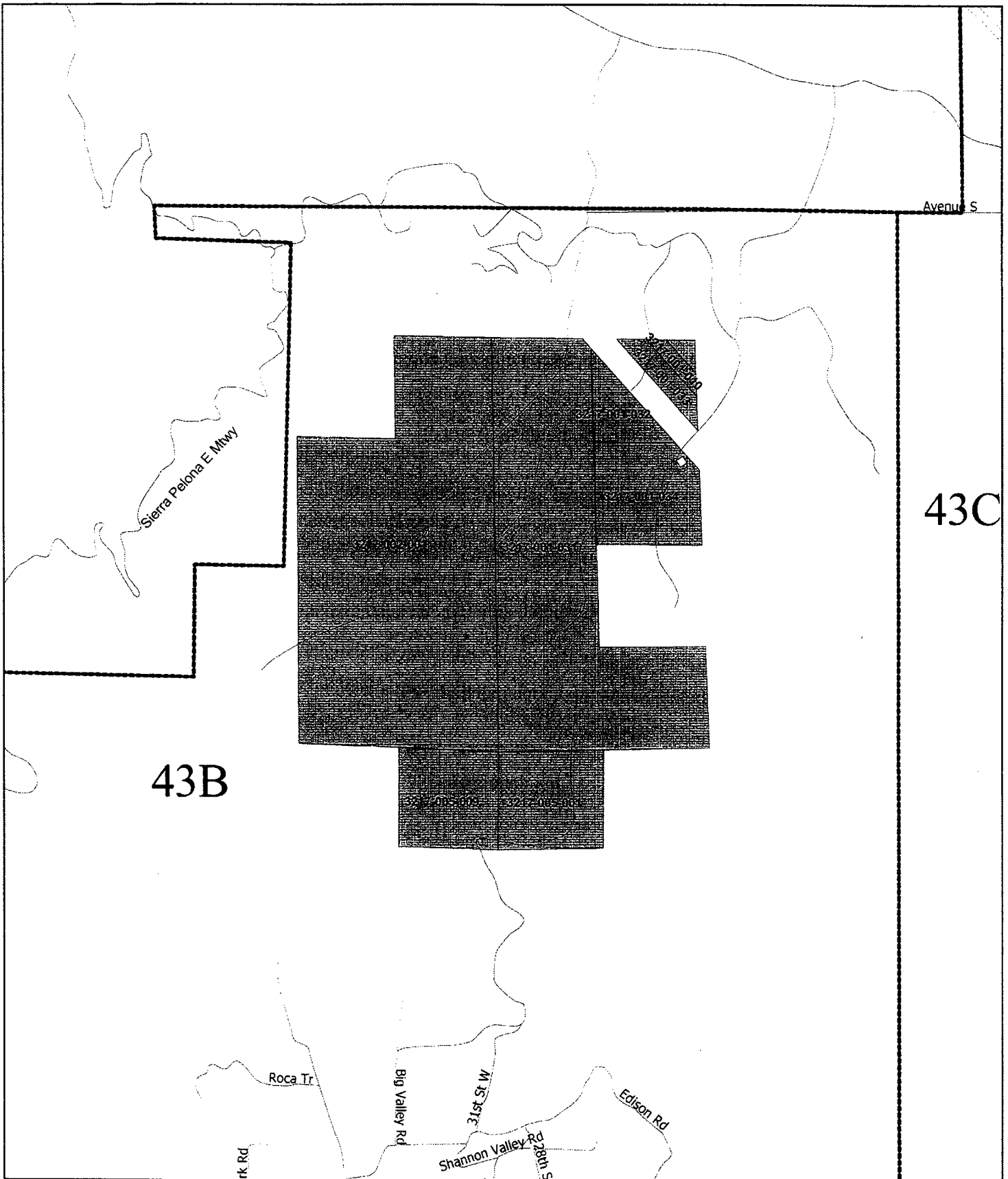
-  Boundary of Identified Parcels
- Existing Parks
-  Golf Course
-  Park, Wildlife Refuge, Ecological Preserve/Estuary
-  Recreation Area
-  Park Planning Area Boundary
-  Supervisorial District Boundary (2001)

Parcel Group 4

with Parcels Identified for Acquisition



- Roads
-  Freeway
-  Ramp/Interchange
-  Highway
-  Primary Road
-  Primary Ramp/Interchange
-  Secondary Road
-  Minor Road
-  Alley
-  Railroad
-  Trail



Boundary of Identified Parcels

Existing Parks

Golf Course

Park, Wildlife Refuge, Ecological Preserve/Estuary

Recreation Area

Park Planning Area Boundary

Supervisorial District Boundary (2001)

Parcel Group 7

with Parcels Identified for Acquisition

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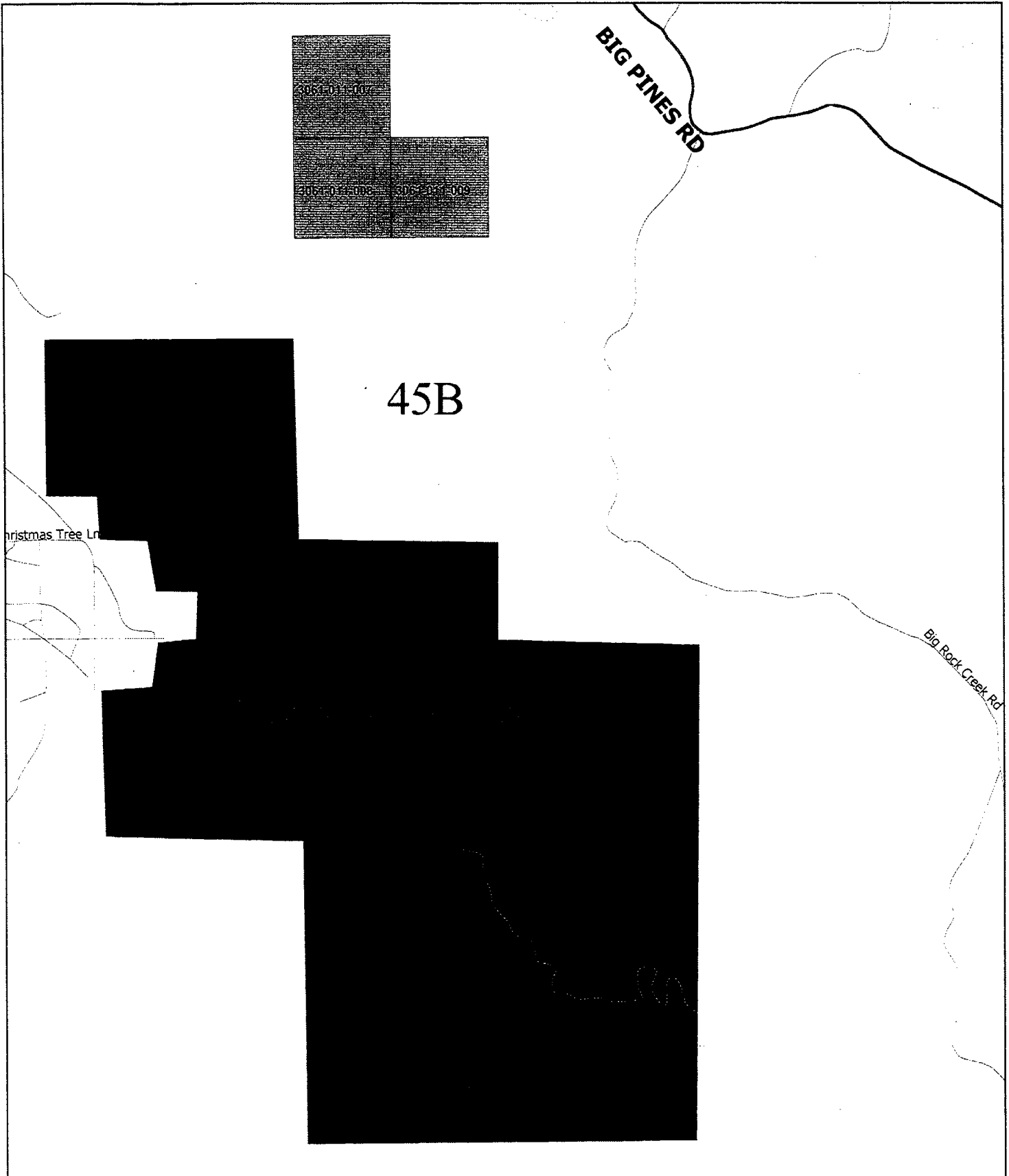
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Feet

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Roads

- Freeway
- Ramp/Interchange
- Highway
- Primary Road
- Primary Ramp/Interchange
- Secondary Road
- Minor Road
- Alley
- Railroad
- Trail



Parcel Group 9 with Parcels Identified for Acquisition

- Boundary of Identified Parcels
- Existing Parks
 - Golf Course
 - Park, Wildlife Refuge, Ecological Preserve/Estuary
 - Recreation Area
- Park Planning Area Boundary
- Supervisory District Boundary (2001)

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- Roads
 - Freeway
 - Ramp/interchange
 - Highway
 - Primary Road
 - Primary Ramp/interchange
 - Secondary Road
 - Minor Road
 - Attey
 - Railroad
 - Trail